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Dear Ms. Richardson,

The purpose of this letter is to advise you of an ongoing issue some of my constituents are experiencing with a pet supply facility in their neighborhood, and enlist the assistance of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in determining a path forward.

By way of background, Nylabone and their parent company, Central Garden and Pet Corporation, have been a steady presence in my congressional district for decades. When they had the opportunity to expand their business, Nylabone chose to remain in Neptune City and continue servicing the local community.

Unfortunately, in recent years, some residents of the community have voiced their concerns about odors being emitted from the Nylabone facility located at 85 West Sylvania Avenue, Neptune City. While I am told Nylabone attempted to address these concerns by installing a filtration system a few years ago; unfortunately, the odor still persists at certain times of day. As a result, my constituents have voiced concern as to whether the emission from the plant may be hazardous to their health.

Therefore, I am respectfully requesting under current law and regulation that your office provide any appropriate information at your disposal regarding whether emissions from this facility might affect the well-being of my constituents. Additionally, should this not be within the EPA's purview, kindly advise as to the appropriate jurisdiction.

Thank you for your interest in this matter and I look forward to hearing from you. Please respond to me or my Field Representative, Jessica Rohr, at (732) 780-3035, or via email to Jessica.Rohr@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Smith", with a stylized flourish at the end.

CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH
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